

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

An Office Action was mailed in the present case on November 19, 2004, making a response due on or before February 19, 2005. Since this response is being submitted in a timely manner, no additional fee is thought to be due at this time. If any additional fee is due for the continued prosecution of this application, please charge the same to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-2555 (Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP).

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in the case, requiring restriction between Claims 1-15 in Class 248, subclass 354.3 and Claims 16-26 in Class 4, subclass 614. Applicant provisionally elected to prosecute Claims 1-15 and hereby affirms that election without traverse and without prejudice toward filing a divisional application containing the non-elected claims.


Applicant has amended the Abstract as requested by the Examiner and has amended page 11 of the Specification to include the reference to the numerals on the drawings which were not included in the text. Applicant has also addressed the Section 112 objections raised by the Examiner with respect to Claims 1, 9 and 10 in the amended claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 8, 10, 12 and 13 if these claims were rewritten to address the Section 112 objections and to incorporate all the features of the independent claims and any intervening limitations. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten dependent Claim 8 in independent form including the features of Claims 1 and 7. Claims 9, 10 and 11 have been made to depend from independent Claim 8 and should now be allowable. Remaining Claims 12-15 similarly now depend from allowable claims and thus should also be allowable.

Reconsideration of Claims 8-15 is requested in view of the above amendments. Please charge any additional fees which may be due for the continued prosecution of this application to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-2555 (Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP).

Respectfully submitted,

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